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contained within now canceled claim 1.

No new matter within the meaning of § 132 has been added by any of the amendments.

The specification has been amended at page 1 before the first paragraph to make reference to Applicants' parent application and to prior related applications.

In the parent application, Applicants note that the Examiner rejoined the process claims 16-20 (Group II) back into the parent application subsequent to a traversal to a Restriction Requirement of August 6, 2003. Therefore, the captioned application is now indicated as a divisional.

Applicants respectfully submit that the presently pending claims are patentable and request allowance of the pending claims. In the absence of an indication of allowability, Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's previous assertion that the claims do not contain positively recited process steps and welcome any of the Examiner's comments or suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

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